

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Schukin et al.

Application No.: 10/582,019

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For: METHOD FOR INCREASING A BLADE  
PERFORMANCE (VARIANTS)

Group: 3745

Examiner: Dwayne J. White

Our File: GAP-PT002

Date: October 8, 2008

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply responds to the April 8, 2008 Office Action, and is accompanied by an appropriate request for extension of time and fee payment. If further fees are due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account 22-0493.

Please amend the application without prejudice as noted in detail below.